

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

March 28, 2001  
MAG Office, Saguaro Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Vice Mayor Tom Milton for Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
Mayor Ron Drake, Avondale	Mayor John Keegan, Acting Chairman, Peoria
* Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek
Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Roy Delgado, El Mirage	Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Vice Mayor Melinda Diaz for Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Vice Mayor Lon McDermott for Mayor Larry Roberts, Wickenburg
* Governor Donald Antone, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
* Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	Dallas Gant, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Councilmember Margarita Garcia, Guadalupe	*+Mayor Douglas Coleman, Apache Junction
* Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park	
Supervisor Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County	
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa	

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

+Non-voting

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Acting Chairman John Keegan at 5:09 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairman Keegan welcomed proxies: Vice Mayor Tom Milton for Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Mayor Melinda Diaz for Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson, and Vice Mayor Lon McDermott for Mayor Larry Roberts, Wickenburg

Acting Chairman Keegan stated that for agenda item #17D, Conformity Analysis of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update, a revised summary was at each place.

Acting Chairman Keegan stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Ken Driggs from the RPTA.

3. Approval of February 28, 2001 Meeting Minutes

Acting Chairman Keegan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2001 meeting. Mayor Giuliano moved for approval, Supervisor Kunasek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Call to the Audience

Acting Chairman Keegan stated that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak, are requested to fill out the cards which are available on the tables adjacent to the doorways inside the meeting room. MAG staff will bring them to the chair. There is a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. For the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes. Public comment is provided for consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Acting Chairman Keegan recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that the recently published Bus Book does not have spring training bus route information. He commented on the lack of bus service to Peoria. Arrowhead Mall is one half mile from the training site. Mr. Crowley stated that he attended the City of Phoenix Transportation and Technology Subcommittee meeting. He said that the map that was included with agenda item #17D shows express bus terminals that are not included in the City of Phoenix plan. Mr. Crowley stated that projects that have been started need to be completed. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Acting Chairman Keegan recognized public comment from Joseph Ryan, who stated that streetcars will add to traffic congestion and air pollution. He encouraged creation of new strategies that would create rapid transit service. Mr. Ryan stated accepting gifts could cost dearly in the future in cash losses and lower attractiveness and will increase congestion. He asked that members maximize new funds that could be brought into the economy from other states and nations. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Acting Chairman Keegan called on Blue Crowley for public comment. Mr. Crowley was not present when called on. Acting Chairman Keegan recognized public comment from Joseph Ryan, who stated that there are many fields where money can be made or lost. He suggested designing a rapid transit route that will make money from day one. Examples of this could be Apache Junction to Wickenburg, with no grade level crossings, or Ahwatukee headed north. Mr. Ryan stated that communities can work together to parlay their dollars into a successful system. Mr. Ryan stated that the key is using Terminal 2 as a multimodal terminal, with many platforms. Mr. Ryan stated that traffic congestion

on freeways will worsen unless downtown is kept alive. Mr. Ryan also commented on a line on Bell Road. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Ryan for his comments.

Acting Chairman Keegan stated that DD Barker had submitted written public comments for the record.

Acting Chairman Keegan stated that agenda items #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, and #16 were on the consent agenda. Acting Chairman Keegan asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Shafer moved, Mayor Lowry seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Supervisor Kunasek stated that wanted to comment on agenda item #14, Additional Inspectors for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program and Resolution of Appreciation. He acknowledged the efforts of Rick Romley and Jana Sorenson of in the Maricopa County Prosecutor's Office, and Al Brown, Steve Peplau, Bob Evans. He expressed his thanks to MAG for their leadership. Mayor Hawker stated that the City of Mesa has been pleased with the results from the County's dust control efforts. He indicated that he hoped the four additional inspector positions would be funded by the County.

Hearing no further discussion, Acting Chairman Keegan asked for a vote on the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the administrative adjustment and amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) has requested an administrative adjustment to 36 transit projects and an amendment adding one new project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Proposed administrative adjustments to the TIP include fifteen project advancements, four project deferrals, and seventeen project scope changes, all of which may be categorized as minor project revisions. The proposed new transit project, which requires a TIP amendment for programming in FY 2001, may also be categorized as exempt. The Management Committee recommended approval of the adjustment and amendment to the TIP.

8. Recommendations to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the priority listing of applicants for FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program to be forwarded to the Arizona Department of Transportation. On March 6, 2001, the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee ranked applications for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. FTA provides these funds to the Arizona Department of Transportation for capital assistance to agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for people who are elderly and for people who have a disability. This year, 18 applications for capital assistance awards were received and considered by the Committee. The ranking provided by MAG is considered by ADOT in determining which applicants are to be awarded. The Management Committee concurred with the rankings.

9. FY 2001-2005 Short Range Transit Report

The Regional Council, by consent, accepted the FY 2001-2005 Short Range Transit Report. The Short Range Transit Report (SRTR) is prepared and updated annually by the Regional Public Transportation Authority on behalf of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). In addition to providing recommendations for transit improvements over the next five years, the Report also includes a summary of the regional transit system's operating characteristics from Fiscal Year 1999-2000. The Report was developed using input from MAG member agencies and citizen participation efforts that are normally conducted throughout the year. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Report.

10. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested that MAG make an administrative adjustment to 36 transit projects and add one new project to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAG has reviewed the proposed projects and found that the project changes require consultation on the conformity assessment. The proposed 36 minor project revisions may be characterized as administrative adjustments for which a conformity determination is not required. The proposed new transit project may be categorized as exempt, for which a conformity determination is not required.

11. Consultation on Proposed Methodology for the 2001 MAG Conformity Analysis

Federal and state conformity regulations require that MAG consult with federal, state, and local air quality and transportation agencies on methodology proposed for the conformity analysis on the transportation program and plan. This methodology includes: the selection of modeling methods, the identification of exempt projects, ensuring the expeditious implementation of transportation control measures, and the identification of projects which require PM-10 hotspot analysis. MAG is therefore distributing for comment the proposed methodology to be applied in the upcoming conformity analysis for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update. Comments regarding this material were requested by March 23, 2001.

12. Consultation on Potentially Regionally Significant Projects of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Federal and State conformity regulations require Metropolitan Planning Organizations such as MAG to consult with State and local air quality and transportation agencies, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding which transportation projects will be considered "regionally significant" for the purposes of regional emissions analysis. Regionally significant projects are subject to conformity requirements. A list of potentially regionally significant projects from the proposed FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program has been prepared. It was requested that comments regarding the list be reported to MAG by March 23, 2001.

13. Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan

The Regional Council, by consent, adopted the Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. The Revised MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan has been prepared to reflect the repeal of the Random Onroad Testing Requirements (Remote Sensing Program) from the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. In 2000, the Arizona Legislature passed H.B. 2104 which repealed the program. The Environmental Protection Agency then indicated that the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan, including the modeling attainment demonstration, would need to be revised. The revised plan demonstrates attainment of the carbon monoxide standard by the federal deadline of December 31, 2000. The Management Committee recommended adopting the Plan.

14. Additional Inspectors for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program and Resolution of Appreciation

The Regional Council, by consent, approved the recommendation that Maricopa County hire four additional inspectors for the Dust Control Program and commend the County for strengthening the enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program. At the February 28, 2001 Regional Council meeting, Maricopa County staff provided an update on the strengthened enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program. The recent recommendation from the Governor's Brown Cloud Summit to add four inspectors to the program was also discussed. It was suggested that the additional inspectors be on the next agenda to request that the County hire the inspectors. The Management Committee recommended that Maricopa County hire the additional inspectors. The Regional Council also requested that the County be commended for strengthening the enforcement efforts for the Maricopa County Dust Control Program. A resolution was prepared recognizing the County efforts.

15. 911 System Performance Review Consultant Selection Recommendation

The Regional Council, by consent, approved that the City of Phoenix as the Contracting Agent for the MAG Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System, contract with Contact One, LLC to undertake the 911 System Performance Review, for an amount not to exceed \$102,749, with the payment for the tasks provided by the Arizona Department of Administration. In November, MAG advertised a Request for Proposals for the review of the MAG Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System. The purpose of the review is to make a determination of the availability or possible direction for enhancement of its existing day-to-day System Management. A multi-agency evaluation team reached a consensus that Contact One, LLC be selected for the 911 System Performance Review for an amount not to exceed \$102,749. The City of Phoenix, serving as the Contracting Agent for the System, will contract for the consultant services, with payment for the tasks provided by the Arizona Department of Administration. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation for the City of Phoenix to contract for the performance review.

16. Options for Animal Control Services

The Regional Council, by consent, accepted the report of the Animal Control Study Committee. Since 1978, the majority of cities in Maricopa County have contracted with the County under a deficit-based contract, whereby all licensing revenue collected by the County would go to pay for field and shelter activities and any deficit would be made up at the end of the year on a per capita basis. In November

1999, Maricopa County Animal Control Services notified cities and towns that they would be moving to a cost basis contract for field services. This would represent an increase in funding to the County for shelter operations and an increase in cost to many cities and towns for enforcement services. On March 8, 2000, the Management Committee formed the Animal Control Study Committee to examine this issue and to develop a delivery system that is effective, humane and represents the needs of the community. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey stated that a draft of the preliminary recommendations from the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force was at each place. He indicated that he would transmit additional information as it becomes available.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Executive Committee recently discussed the Review of Comprehensive Plans and Amendments. He indicated that the member agency planning directors and city managers would be included in developing the procedure for this effort.

Mr. Bourey updated members about a possible reduction in Vehicle License Taxes (VLT). He stated that last year, the State Legislature agreed that ADOT would be held harmless. Mr. Bourey stated that the potential impact of VLT reductions could be \$25 million this year. He encouraged members to support the effort to not hold ADOT harmless. Mr. Arnett stated that reduction in VLT could have a negative effect on funding transportation projects, such as Grand Avenue, Loop 202 and others. He encouraged members to communicate to Legislators that ADOT be held harmless. Mr. Arnett stated that this source should not be a way to find revenue.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Desert Peaks Awards Nomination deadline has been extended to March 30, 2001. He encouraged members to submit nominations.

Mr. Bourey introduced a new MAG staff member, Taejoo Shin, who replaced a former staff member as an air quality modeler. He stated that Mr. Shin was formerly employed by a New York City consulting firm. Mr. Shin holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from the University in Seoul, Korea, and a PhD from Rutgers.

Mr. Bourey stated that population information from the Census Bureau was received on March 27, 2001. He stated that this information is provided in a handout at each place. In addition, data is available through the Census Bureau website. Mr. Bourey noted that the option for selecting more than one ethnic group will present a challenge, due to the fact that respondents selecting more than one ethnic group allow the total to be more than 100 percent. Mr. Bourey stated that there is an opportunity through the Count Question Resolution Program at the end of June for cities to challenge counts. He noted that housing counts are expected soon.

Mr. Bourey stated that the City of Phoenix prepared a letter to the Arizona Congressional Delegation to support the RPTA. He stated that member's could indicate their support by signing the letter. Ken Driggs expressed his appreciation for support. He noted that the letter urges support for transit projects, including \$3.2 million for the West Valley START transit project. Mayor Giuliano stated the importance of the letter reflecting a regional program. Copies of the letter were handed out to members.

17A. FY 2001 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity

Kelly Taft provided a presentation on the FY 2001 MAG Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity. MAG co-sponsored several public input opportunities in February and March 2001 with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Regional Public Transportation Authority. Opportunities included a "MAG at the Mall" event, Transportation Fair and an Open House/Public Hearing. The Transportation Fair and Open House/Public Hearing provided information on the draft 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program and various aspects of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update. The results of these meetings are included in the Mid-Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Ms. Taft for her presentation and asked if there were any questions.

17B. Additional MAG Federal Funding: Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Paul Ward provided a presentation on additional MAG Federal Funding for the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In January, 2001, the Regional Council approved a list of projects for adding to FY 2006, totaling \$70 million in MAG Federal funds. In addition to these funds, a further \$25 million in MAG Federal funds have been identified as likely to be received during fiscal years 2002 through 2005. On February 27, 2001, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended projects for the funding and recommended that if additional funding is available that projects deleted from the staff recommendation be funded. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Ward for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

17C. Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Staff is recommending a conformity analysis of the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Development of the program considered scores from the MAG Congestion Management and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) rating systems. Projects were ranked by MAG Modal Committees and the MAG Transportation Review Committee addressed funding amounts by mode. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation.

17D. Conformity Analysis of the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update

Staff is recommending the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Items addressed in this Update include: 1) incorporation of the Regional Off Street System (ROSS) plan, 2) extending the time horizon to 2021, 3) an updated funding plan, and 4) incorporation of changes from the Draft FY 2002-2006 Transportation Improvement Program. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation.

Mayor Giuliano moved to approve agenda items #17B, Additional MAG Federal Funding: Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, to approve including the MAG federally funded projects recommended by the Transportation Review Committee in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis and recommend that if additional funding is available that the projects deleted from the staff recommendation be funded; agenda item #17C, Conformity Analysis of the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, to approve the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis; and agenda item #17D, Conformity Analysis of the

Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update, to approve the Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 2001 Update for an air quality conformity analysis. Bill Beyer seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Acting Chairman Keegan recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that “MAG at the Mall” was advertised until 7:00 p.m., but was closed when he tried to attend at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Crowley stated that the equation is not there—only \$300,000 is allocated to elderly mobility, while ADOT is allocated \$1.3 billion for road projects. Mr. Crowley noted that conformity states that projects begun need to be completed, but the transit center on I-10 has been sitting there since 1989 and is still not finished. Mr. Crowley commented on discussions he had at the City of Phoenix Transportation and Technology Subcommittee meeting on transit stations. He stated that heavy rail, that would include communities such as Peoria and Wickenburg, is needed. Mr. Crowley urged blending and communicating. All need to be on the same page. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Hearing no further discussion, Acting Chairman Keegan asked for a vote on the motion to approve agenda items #17B, #17C, and #17D. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Eric Anderson stated that the Transportation and Technology Expert Panel Forums, the last of a series of five, was scheduled for March 30, 2001. Previous issues discussed at the Forums included Demographics and Social Change, The New Economy, Environmental and Resources Issues, and Land Use and Urban Development. Mr. Anderson stated that the consultant will write issue papers, conduct a telephone survey, and hold focus groups in various areas of the region. He informed members that the Forums have been videotaped and will be made available approximately 30 days after conclusion of the Forums. Acting Chairman Keegan thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Acting Chairman Keegan requested that members see Mr. Driggs if they had questions on the RPTA support letter. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary